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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

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1. IN RESPONSE TO RECENT QUERY FROM FONOFF UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
DIVDIR MAKOTO WATANABE AS TO STATE-OF-PLAY OF US CONSULTATIONS
REGARDING PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT FOR JAPAN, EMBASSY HAS
REPLIED ALONG LINES OF PARA 3 REFTEL. WATANABE SAID GOJ WOULD
WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION OF ISSUE WITH
DEPARTMENT ONCE SOVIET RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PLAN TO INVITE SENIOR JAPANESE OFFICIAL
FOR FULL CONSULTATIONS ON BOTH PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT
AND "ENEMY STATES" LANGUAGE PROBLEMS WOULD BE USEFUL DEMONSTRATION
OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG IS TREATING JAPANESE
ASPIRATIONS. WE DO NOT THINK, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE AT ALL
APPROPRIATE TO USE HISASHI OWADA, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME
MINISTER, AS INTERLOCUTOR IN THIS ISSUE. OWADA'S PRESENT DUTIES
ARE BY AND LARGE MORE ADMINISTRATIVE THAN SUBSTANTIVE. MORE
IMPORTANTLY, USE OF PRIVATE SECRETARY CHANNEL WITH ITS PERCEIVED
DOWNGRADING OF FONOFF UN BUREAU SPECIALISTS MIGHT WELL INCREASE
POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND COORDINATION PROBLEMS ON
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HIGHLY COMPLEX ISSUE. WE BELIEVE THAT FONOFF UN BUREAU DIRGEN
YOSHIO OKAWA OR ONE OF HIS DESIGNATED SUBORDINATES WOULD BE MOST
APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO INVITE.

3. IN REGARD TO PRESENT JAPANESE CAMPAIGN FOR NON-PERMANENT
SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT
PRECEDENT AND NISHIDA'S PERSONAL ASSUMPTIONS IN THAT REGARD

NOTWITHSTANDING, WE HAVE MUCH TO GAIN IN THIS RELATIVELY
STRAINED PERIOD IN US-JAPANESE RELATIONS BY FORTHRIGHTLY
SUPPORTING CANDIDATES OF CLOSE ALLY JAPAN AGAINST THAT OF
BANGLADESH.
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